

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIALCOUNTRY East Germany PORT [REDACTED]TOPIC Medium Tank Regiment in Torgelow of the Prenzlau Division 616866EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 22 January 1954REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES [REDACTED] ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. From 15 July to 15 November 1953, the medium tank regiment in Torgelow was subordinate to the Prenzlau Division commanded by Colonel Riedel (fnu), and the TV Prenzlau under Major General Rentsch, with Major Thiel as cadre officer, and Major Meier as provost marshal. The regiment had the designation "Little Red C Kommando Prenzlau (Prenzlau Medium C Kommando) and was quartered in permanent buildings, about 3 kilometers southeast of Torgelow. Several motor vehicle and tank garages were still under construction east of the tracks.

2. The following is a list of the organization and strength of the unit.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs</u>	<u>EM</u>
Headquarters	20	10	4
Command company	8	11	52
Maintenance company	4	10	25
Supply platoon	1	6	20
Dispensary	1	2	3
1st through 5th Tank Co each	6	20	30
SP battalion	25	20	50
Headquarters	4	1	
C Platoon	1	2	5
S-1 Platoon	1	2	9
D-1 Platoon	1	3	16
D-2 Platoon	1	3	16
Traffic police			6

Prior to the reorganization in July 1953, the medium C Kommando totaled about 990 men. The present strength of the unit was about 600 men. The others had been either discharged or reassigned to various KVP units.

3. Officers of the unit included Lieutenant Colonel Wedde (fnu), regimental commander; Senior Lieutenant Schuecke (fnu), deputy for political affairs; Senior Lieutenant Glesmann (fnu), deputy for general affairs; Major Becker (fnu), deputy for supply affairs; Senior Lieutenant Gleiche (fnu), deputy for

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technical affairs; Senior Lieutenant Eduard Bmuth, chief of staff; Senior Lieutenant Heineber (fnu), Ordnance officer; Lieutenant Ingelbrecht (fnu), leader of the command company; Senior Lieutenant Hilers (fnu), commander of the ST battalion; and Senior Lieutenant Brocher (fnu), state security service officer. In November 1953, Lieutenant Wladarwa and Junior Lieutenant Oneus were dispatched to the Prenzlau Division, allegedly, to take part in a course of instruction in the USSR. In November 1953, Senior Lieutenant Hilarch (fnu), and Lieutenant Weitzer (fnu), were reassigned to a unit stationed at Oranienburg.

6. Weapons.

Weapons of the unit included 52 T-34/85 tanks, with 10 tanks allocated to each company and 2 tanks allocated to the C platoon of the command company; 20 to 30 ST guns of various models, including 4 or 5 identified as SU-100 guns; and 2 PA-64 armored scout cars, which belonged to the signal platoon.

7. Motor Transport Equipment.

The motor transport equipment of the unit included 60 H-3-A and ZIS trucks, including about 40 which were conserved; 3 or 3 full-track ammunition carriers, 3 model M-3 armored personnel carriers, which came in in early November 1953, allegedly from Oranienburg; 1 Pheonoren ambulance; 2 repair shop trucks; 2 command cars; 1 commander's car; 1 tank truck with trailer; and 4 IMW sedans.

8. Classes.

Forty percent of the men serving with the unit belonged to the 1930 to 1932 classes; 40 percent to the 1933 and 1934 classes; and 20 percent to the 1935 and 1936 classes.

9. Regional Composition.

Sixty percent of the men serving with the unit came from Saxony and 40 percent from Mecklenburg and Brandenburg.

10. Soviet Advisers.

Three Soviet officers, who lived in the installation were assigned as advisers to the command headquarters.

11. Training.

In late October 1953, several officers' commissions each including two or three officers of the Prenzlau Division and the TV Prenzau inspected the unit in several subjects of training. It appeared that the unit attained training at company level instead of battalion level as scheduled. All vehicles were conserved after this inspection which was followed by clearing work and fatigue duty. The new training year was scheduled to commence on 1 December 1953.

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1. Corment. The above-mentioned officers are known to hold the appointments indicated in the present report. After about the fall of 1953, judge advocates were appointed at all KVP's command agencies.


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2.  Comment. The present report confirms previous information on strength, organization and weapons. No SU-100 81 guns were identified previously.

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